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METHOD OF MANUFACTURING AN EXTENDED LIFE SPUTTER TARGET ASSEMBLY AND PRODUCT THEREOF

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REPLY AND AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Official Action issued December 20, 2004, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims appear on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks appear on Page 5 of this paper.